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## New Comment Submission

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A new comment has been submitted at [socotransmission.com](http://socotransmission.com).

### COMMENT

#### Meeting Attended:

I was not able to attend a meeting

#### Important Issues:

Land Use (Agriculture, Residential, Recreation), Noise, Health and Safety, Biological Resources, Visual / Aesthetic Resources, Proximity to Residences

#### Property Uses:

Agriculture, Residential, Other

OTHER: Recreational

#### Comment:

My comments pertain to the proposed routing of the transmission line - Specifically, Segment 48 in Huerfano County as shown on Sheet Map 4.

**I-232-001** Preliminary Alternative Route Segment 48 appears to be routed on top of a ridgeline between North Middle Creek and South Abeyta Creek. I'm familiar with this area. My family owns property directly in the path of Preliminary Alternative Route Segment 48. This proposed routing would gouge an irreversible scar across an unspoiled landscape. By routing the line high up the ridgeline, the scar would be visible from great distances. And closer to home, this proposed routing would damage the aesthetic, recreational, and ultimately the economic value of my family's property. A less obtrusive routing would be on an old rail bed that parallels the South side of US Hwy 160, along South Abeyta Creek. Hwy 160 cuts through a valley. By routing the line along 160, a new scar would not need to be cut through unspoiled subalpine forest. The proximity of the Hwy and the lower elevation would reduce the visual profile of the transmission line. In addition, noise created by the transmission line would be masked by or blended with road noise. A routing immediately adjacent to Hwy 160 seems more logical and would be less disruptive to the attributes that draw many people come to Southern Colorado.

Thank You.

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### I-232-001: Environmental Consequences (In Review)

Your email/letter/comment form has been received and your comment noted. Potential environmental consequences and mitigation measures from the proposed project will be addressed in the Environmental Impact Statement.

The Environmental Impact Statement is anticipated to be completed in late 2010 and will be available at

<http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/ea.htm>.

### I-232-002: Route Refinement > SLV-Calumet (In Review)

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The Environmental Impact Statement is anticipated to be completed in late 2010 and will be available at

<http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/ea.htm>.

### I-232-003: Noise (In Review)

Your email/letter/comment form has been received and your comment noted. Potential impacts associated with noise from the proposed project and mitigation measures will be addressed in the Environmental Impact Statement.

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<http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/ea.htm>.

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